

Security Information
TOP SECRETCreation of Foreign Military Units Under Kersten Amendment

The Secretary of Defense has requested a definitive answer by October 4 from JCS re their position on the military feasibility of creating foreign military units, Godel reported. After this is received, the Secretary of Defense will make his decision about October 15. Kirk noted that the numbers of escapees who meet the qualifications are discouragingly few. Godel confirmed that the numbers presently available are limited and future expectations are poor. Godel said Kersten has been advised of these figures by Dulles, himself and others. Kersten has now come around to seeing some of the practical problems involved in his original idea, Godel believes. Wilson reports Kersten has said that the "Pentagon" feels that even one battalion of escapees would have a broad psychological impact. Godel noted that while some in Pentagon hold this view, it is not an official one.

Studies on Titoism

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██████████ inquired about the existence of studies on Titoism and Yugoslavia's swing from Stalinist doctrine back to Marxist. Such studies would be helpful in planning for defection of other satellites, he noted.

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██████████ said Col. ██████████ are familiar with work in this field. ██████████ is acquainted with a NWC study done on it. 25X1A

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██████████ reported EUR in State did a study 2 years ago on Titoism.

Schwinn said this problem was considered by the Policy Planning Staff a year ago. Will check on action taken by them.

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██████████ and Ambassador Geo. Allen discussed the need for a study on Tito last spring, ██████████ but does not recall what action was taken.

Staff noted that Edward Crankshaw, British historian and Adam Ulam of Russian Institute at Harvard had recent writings on Titoism.

✓ OIR's studies should be investigated, too, staff suggested.

Escapees

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██████████ reported various problems stemming from proposed budget for escapee program for FY '54 which has come to PSB for consideration. Kirk and ██████████ to talk further on this.

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REMARKS:

At the PSB luncheon on 13 November 1952 it was agreed that the subject of electro-magnetic warfare was very technical and belonged in the hands of other agencies of the Government rather than the PSB and no further action by that Board is currently contemplated.

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